



RFP 21-004
Material & Labor to Dispose of Domestic
Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids

Addendum #3
Questions and Answers

1) QUESTION:

Can you please provide to me the current rates being charge for this service?

ANSWER:

The current contract is as follows:

\$0.0785 per gallon of dewatered sludge

\$100.00 per load for transportation of unstablized biosolids from the Highlands Ridge and Country Club of Sebring plants to the Cemetery Road wastewater treatment plants

Please note that the units in the current bid differ from the bid in 2017 (per load unit is now a per gallon unit).

2) QUESTION:

It is necessary to bid all the line items on the revised bid form or can the contractor bid individual line items?

ANSWER:

The contractors can bid line items which pertain to the service they will be providing.

3) QUESTION:

What licenses are required to perform this work?

ANSWER:

License to do business in the State of Florida.

4) QUESTION:

Would the City consider adding a Relief for Force Majeure/Uncontrollable Circumstances; Change in Law provision?

ANSWER:

Yes, it can be included in the contract, so long as the issues are truly out of the vendor's control and not caused by its delay or neglect.

5) QUESTION:

Biosolids from Sebring Airport WWTP will be disposed of at a biosolids treatment facility, however under Section 5, Item 2 (b), states contractor is responsible to meet pathogen and vector attraction reduction and Item 7 states the biosolids will meet pathogen and vector

attraction reduction. Please clarify which of the City's plants do not meet pathogen and vector attraction reduction requirements.

ANSWER:

Airport, Cemetery and Western: Bio-solids generated by these facilities may be dewatered onsite and disposed of in a Class 1 Solid Waste Landfill or transferred to a site operated by the Bio-solids disposal company. Country Club of Sebring and Highlands Ridge: Bio-solids generated by these facilities shall be transferred to the City of Sebring's Cemetery Road Treatment Plant for dewatering and disposed of in a Class 1 Solid Waste Landfill.

6) QUESTION:

What is the preferred method for disposal?

ANSWER:

Dewatering

7) QUESTION:

Is there recent analysis of the material available?

ANSWER:

Yes (see attached Bio-solids Sludge Analysis)

8) QUESTION:

What is the current contractor's price?

ANSWER:

.0785 gal

9) QUESTION:

How is the current contractor meeting pathogen and vector attraction reduction?

ANSWER:

All is dewatered and disposed of in a Class 1 Solid Waste Landfill.

10) QUESTION:

Section 5 – Scope of Work: Is the annual volume listed (in MGD??) to be the actual total volume of biosolids (in gals) that will require disposal from each facility annually? If not, what is the expected volume to be removed annually from each location?

ANSWER:

Cemetery WWTP: 2,250,000 gal.

Country Club of Sebring WWTP: 180,000 gal

Highlands Ridge WWTP: 180,000 gal

Western Blvd WWTP: 150,000 gal

Sebring Airport WWTP: 55,000 gal (processed once a year)

11) QUESTION:

Section 5, Item 23. Vendor agrees to provide same services and same consideration for any newly acquired plants. Appears very broad based. Please clarify with any more specific details (i.e. – comparable conditions of other facilities, locations, etc.?).

ANSWER:

No new plants are anticipated in the next 3 years, however, if a new plant is added, the contractor would be expected to add service at the per gallon contracted price. If this is not agreeable, the service would have to be re-solicited to include the new plant.

12) QUESTION:

What are the hours of operation for each location?

ANSWER:

Airport, Cemetery and Western: 16 hours a day 7 days a week.

Country Club and Highlands Ridge: Monday thru Friday sunup to sundown

13) QUESTION:

Power & water availability, & return water location for dewatering at Cemetery, Airport & Western locations?

ANSWER:

All Plants: Water is available, power is not.

Airport return water: Lift station located in front of Treatment Plant.

Cemetery return water: Manhole behind sludge tanks.

Western return water: Bio-solids disposal contractor to supply pump to return water to surge tank.

14) QUESTION:

Are there any restrictions and/or limitations relative to dewatering operations?

ANSWER:

No

15) QUESTION:

Please confirm that Agricultural Use Plans (Nutrient Management Plans) are not required if disposal at a Biosolids Management Facility?

Biosolids Management Facilities are not required to have Agricultural Use Plans (Nutrient Management Plans).

This requirement is found in:

- SECTION 5 – SCOPE OF WORK
- o 16)...A” list of disposal sites, “along with copies of agriculture Use Plans (Nutrient Management Plans) for each site,”

MUST be submitted with the bid submittal.

- SECTION 6 – ALL SUBMITTALS SHALL INCLUDE
- o 3) List of disposal sites and “Agricultural Use Plans (Nutrient Management Plans).”

ANSWER:

If the biosolids are land applied, an Agricultural Use Plan must be submitted for each site. If the biosolids are transferred to a Biosolids Management Facility, no Agricultural Use Plan needed.

16) QUESTION:

Is there a 2020 TCLP analysis available?

ANSWER:

The 2005 analysis is the most recent available.

17) Is the current liquid load based on 6,000 gallons?

ANSWER:

Liquid load is based on 3,500 gallons.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is the vendor’s responsibility to ensure their receipt of all addenda, and to clearly acknowledge all addenda within their initial bid or proposal response in the space provided on the Submittal Checklist included in the original solicitation document. Failure to do so may subject the bidder to disqualification.